

BOY KIDNAPED.

A Sensation in Las Vegas—Train No. 1 in a Wreck.

ELECTRIC STREET CAR LINE.

Special Correspondence.

Las Vegas, N. M., July 16.—There was considerable trouble in the city over the kidnapping of a boy, who was taken from his home on Saturday night. A boy had been kidnapped, James Crosey and wife, together with their 3-year-old son, have been dwelling in peace at Rosetown, where the husband has farming interests. About two weeks ago, Mrs. Crosey took the son and came up to Las Vegas for a visit, staying with Mrs. Booth down on Railroad avenue. It seems there has been some trouble between the husband and wife and he claims she took the child away from him and would not even let him see the boy, even keeping him locked up to keep the father from getting possession of the child. Yesterday evening about 7:30 the father, who had come up from Rosetown, secreted himself in the Chinese laundry next to Mrs. Booth's and lay in wait for the boy to come out. The boy came over near the outside fence and the father vaulted the fence, seized the child and made away with him to his quarters on Jackson avenue. The father in kidnapping the child is said to have acted on legal advice, as possession counts for considerable. The mother saw the boy taken and started to yell. Accompanied by Mrs. Booth and a crowd that the rumpus soon raised, she went over to the house on Jackson avenue and tried to get in, meanwhile having sent for all the police in the city and was looking for a constable and Judge Wooster in the bargain. She tried to batter in the door and in general raised old Ned. Mr. Crosey stationed himself up stairs with a six-shooter and vowed he would make a corpse of anyone that entered. No one entered. After seeing she could not get possession of the child, she gave up the row and swore out a warrant against her husband on the charge of abandonment and other things and the hearing was set for 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is hard to tell just who is in the right. Some think the father is a more proper custodian for the boy; some think otherwise. The boy seems to prefer the father. Anyway, the neighborhood had excitement while the fun lasted.

At the time for the appearance at the court this afternoon, it had been decided by the prosecution to postpone the case until next Wednesday afternoon, and the chances are that the case will not even come up again. The reason is that the wife seems to have done the abandoning instead of the husband, whom she had arrested on that complaint. The husband says that she left him, and despite his entreaties and his sending a carriage after her to bring her home she would not come, and he cannot see how she can accuse him of abandonment.

Mr. Crosey was arrested last night at 10:30 and is under \$500 appearance bonds. The husband has the child still and intends to keep him, he says. The couple seem to be separated for keeps, and there is hardly a possibility of their resuming a joint ownership of the disputed lad, at least not any way soon. The wife and her sister, Mrs. Boone, are very bitter against the husband and there may be yet something more to chronicle before the end has come. It was a circus for the neighbors.

Ex-Governor Prince was here yesterday, returning in the evening to Santa Fe. He came up to see Hon. Charles A. Spinks on some legal matters. Mrs. E. G. Austin is quite sick at her home.

Hon. J. S. Clark left yesterday evening for Albuquerque to see a few friends and talk politics.

Adjutant General Whiteman passed through here en route to see his wife, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Gene Moyes came in from Ribera yesterday with a sick child. She is staying at her mother's, Mrs. Morrison's. The child grew worse after she arrived here and the husband was telegraphed for.

Train No. 1 had a little mix up yesterday soon after leaving here and while running between here and Olita and Sulzbacher. The track was in bad condition and out of line and the forward trucks of the engine jumped the tracks and cut up about 600 ties, besides derauling the train nearly two hours. No particular damage was done further than tearing up the ties.

A number of Spanish-American residents will have a social hop at Rosenthal hall tonight.

The oil well at Raton is now down over 500 feet and going toward China as fast as the power can carry the drill. The company operating the well think they have a sure thing in it, and indications certainly do point that way. The well is about 100 feet from the surface and is now being drilled to a depth of 1,000 feet. It is expected that the well will be completed in about 100 days.

Some of our imaginative friends in town say they saw Tracey, the outlaw, meandering around here. They failed to explain how he could get down from Washington to this place in so short a time. We will put this story in the album with the sea serpent tales.

Hugh Wilson, of Clayton, evidently is a hard loser. He likes to flirt with the roulette wheel and indulge in the seductive three-card monte games, but as he lost \$1,450 in the latter game, he is now calling on the law to help him recover that amount and has entered suit in the Colfax county district court. These gambling suits are becoming quite regular, but the plaintiff seldom gets what he sues for.

F. C. de Haca and wife returned to their home at La Cuesta this morning. Master Miguel F. Serna accompanied them for a week's visit.

John Rudolph had a close call from going to the dark beyond this morning about 11 o'clock. He was driving one of the heavy horses here in town on Seventh street when the horse became frightened and started to run and turned into an alley back of J. H. LaRue's, throwing him out, cutting him under the arm and bruising him up in general.

The buggy was demolished and the horse captured by Charles Cunningham on Sixth street.

The enumerator for the New Mexico Gazetteer has had some peculiar experiences while making a tour of the town. A fellow by the name of John Smith, was encountered three times, the fellow having moved that often during the month. Evidently John cannot stay in one place long enough to be counted.

Colonel Wilson, superintendent of the Roswell Military Institute is here in the interests of that institution. He is looking after students.

Father Pougnet is out at Los Vigiles today attending the celebration there in honor of one of the patron saints. Father sang the vesper and the whole service there last evening.

Col. J. M. Greer of Knoxville, Tenn., came down from Denver yesterday, where he has been figuring on investing in some western business. He came to see Mrs. Greer, who is a patient at the sanitarium.

A number of the lawyers and old friends were down to the depot this afternoon to see Judge Thomas Smith pass through on his way to Warrenton, Va. from a stay in California. Judge Smith was formerly chief justice here, and left about four years ago.

He was United States attorney under Cleveland's first term, and chief justice of New Mexico under the second term. The mortgage held by Mrs. Fanny Chapman on the property donated by Captain W. C. Reid for a electric street car power house purposes, was today released by the payment of \$300 and now the company has a clear title to the ground. One by one the points are getting in line for the electric car system, and our people may bank on the construction of the much hoped for line at an early date. The superintendent of construction is expected here in the next couple of days or so.

The conductorship on the hot springs branch is advertised as open to the oldest conductor applying.

Mrs. Clark arrived here today from Chicago to visit with her mother and Mr. Jefferson Reynolds, her sister.

W. E. Gortner arrived today from his trip to Goshen, Ind., and other points. He looks well and rosy and is the same old "Bully." L. J. Bauer, who left with him, has come on to Philadelphia and other points east.

George Hunker left today on a business trip to Santa Fe and Taos.

Judge Wooster has a little case on for 9 o'clock in the morning. It is one of those assault with words cases between a bunch of native New Mexicans. Higinia G. de Lucero has filed complaint against Julian M. de Lucero and his son, Margarita, and alleges that the defendants used such awfully naughty words against her and defamed her character most awfully. The reporter cannot even think about the words written out in the complaint without blushing, as the case must certainly be a clear one.

Agapito Jaramillo, who was arrested at the instance of his wife on the charge of threatening her life, was today put under \$200 bonds to keep him from smashing the peace. Agapito had now better be good.

CROP BULLETIN.

United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, New Mexico Section.

Santa Fe, N. M., July 15, 1902.—Light general showers during the past week have partly relieved the drought conditions, but the rain in sufficient quantities to do much good was confined principally to the vicinity of the mountain ranges. The greater part of the prairie country received but little moisture, and the stock ranges remain dry and in many localities without either sufficient water or grass. In some localities, however, principally in the lower Pecos valley and in western Socorro county, the rains were fairly abundant and insure at least a present supply of grass and water. While it seems the "rainy" season has set in it has begun too late to prevent some loss to cattlemen, principally in the southwest, and has seriously damaged the crops on temporal lands and where irrigation water has failed. Reports indicate that while the fruit crop generally remains quite promising, in many localities the size and quality of the fruit now ripening, as cherries, peaches and apricots, have been greatly impaired by the drought.

In the southern valleys wheat has been secured in excellent condition and yield. Early peaches are being shipped from southern sections; in the lower Rio Grande valley the quality of the crop falls below previous expectations, but conditions were much better in the lower Pecos. Alfalfa has stood the drought remarkably well, and in northern sections, where the second crop is about all secured, the yield generally has been very good. Where irrigated corn is making rapid progress, excepting in northern valleys, where the growth is retarded by the cold nights. Local hail during the week has proved a serious destruction in western Mora county and vicinity. Grasshoppers are scattered sections of the northern counties.

Arabella—A. M. Richardson—Continued hot and dry and crops damaged greatly. Highest temperature, 101; lowest, 50; no rain.

East Las Vegas—John Thorndill—Some rain on the 9th, 10th and 11th, but not enough to do much good and crops are suffering for water. Most crops will be a total failure. Wheat is headed out but is both short and thin. Irrigation ditches are still very dry.

Eastview—John W. Corbett—The rain question is getting very serious. Growing crops are doing remarkably well considering the extended drought, but grass is drying up and stock water getting very scarce. Unless rains come soon stock will suffer, and there will be little feed raised. Highest temperature, 87; lowest, 52; no rain.

Folsom—Jackson Tabor—Very windy first four days of the week and all the water, excepting springs, have dried up. Stock is doing very well, however, as the grass had a good start. The temperature fell to 38 the morning of the 6th, the coldest for this month since July 18, 1897. Rain with light hail on the 10th, but quite local. Highest temperature, 86; lowest, 38; rain, 0.40.

Gerónimo—N. M. Nelson—Several light rains, and a heavy rain on the 12th, but creeks are still dry.

Hobart—W. H. Hough—A somewhat more favorable week as thunder showers helped the water supply. Corn and

other crops are looking well.

Hood—H. A. Hood—Good rains at the beginning of the month started the grass in the hills and benefited crops greatly. First cutting of alfalfa secured, and the best in years. Other crops not doing so well. Very cold this time of year; near the frost line three nights in succession.

Los Alamos—Wm. Frank—Some good showers during the week but as yet little improvement is shown.

Mosilla Park—R. H. Hart—Cloudy and threatening weather with one good rain, sufficient to help garden truck. Third alfalfa is beginning to grow. Early peaches are about all picked. Highest temperature, 97; lowest, 57; rain, 0.53.

Miera—Francisco Miera—Week has been very dry, although cloudy most every day. Prairies look almost as white as in winter, although there is still plenty of feed for stock. Rain is badly needed. Shearing season almost over with a light crop.

Mimbres—Chas. Denille—Fine rain on the 10th, the best this year, and it is hoped the rainy season has begun. Water is flowing in the river for the first time in two months at this place. The outlook at present is good.

Ojo Caliente—Antonio Joseph—The terrible drought remains unbroken and unless rains come within the next ten days all crops will be destroyed, excepting alfalfa which is doing reasonably well in spite of the unprecedented drought. All live stock is in the mountains, where the grass is now beginning to get scarce. Discouraging outlook at present. Highest temperature, 94; lowest, 67; no rain.

Santa Fe—U. S. Weather Bureau—Showers in the vicinity, heavy on the mountains, and a good rain here on the 11th. The prairies are very dry, and corn on temporal lands grows slowly and is somewhat withered. Irrigated fields growing nicely. Heavy rain in the mountains is rapidly filling the reservoir. Apricots are ripening; early peaches are turning. Apples promise a large crop, but most of the fruit seems faulty. Highest temperature, 82; lowest, 53; rain, 0.46.

Tec—Hugh A. Tool—Light rain on the 10th, and cloudy during the week, but still warm and dry. Cereals and fruit have been badly damaged by the drought, and some cattle have died where the water has failed.

Watrous—M. C. Needham—Two light showers have improved conditions but little, and rain is still sorely needed. Highest temperature, 87; lowest, 47; rain, 0.11.

Weber—E. H. Biernbaum—Drought partly relieved hereabouts by showers. But more is needed to do much good. Heavy hail to the northwest some thirty miles is reported to have done great damage. At Coyote grasshoppers are greatly damaging corn, wheat, oats, beans, peas and orchards. Here, much damage has been done by church bugs, but gardens and orchards are doing well, and if nothing more happens this valley will have fair crops. The river is very low.

Woodbury—A. J. Woodbury—Highest temperature, 93; lowest, 49; rain, 0.18.

R. M. HARDINGE, Section Director.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

A. G. Smith, a mining man from Clinton, Arizona, is in the city.

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Overhuls, of Buckmans, was here yesterday.

A party of the city's young people will enjoy dancing at Orchestral hall tonight.

Warren and Thomas Graham will leave tonight for Los Angeles. They will be absent about a month.

Harry Morton was a passenger for Santa Fe this morning, where he will go into business with his father.

C. D. Goff, vice president of Whitney company, returned last night from a short business trip up the line.

Miss Louise Harris will leave the last of the week to join her sisters for a short outing at Pasadena, Cal.

C. C. Clark, who enjoyed the past week or ten days at the Jemez hot springs, returned to the city last night.

Neill and La Verne Werning have gone to Juarez, Mexico, for a short visit with their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Miller.

The new natatorium on North First street will be open Friday afternoon from 1 until 6 for ladies and children only.

Mrs. Harry P. Owen left last night for southern California, where she will visit with J. P. Owen, formerly of this city.

Mrs. J. M. Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards, left this morning for a visit at her old home at Newton, Kas.

Mayor Myers was laid up yesterday with a very severe toothache. He was up today, but his jaw shows the effect of the ache.

Mrs. H. E. Sherman left this morning for the east, to look up new styles in dressmaking. She expects to be absent about six weeks.

N. E. Stevens, representing the Montezuma Savings, Loan and Building association, returned to the city last night from the north.

Santa Fe Watch Inspector T. Y. Maynard is transacting business on the Rio Grande division. He will visit El Paso before returning.

Mrs. A. C. Postel and two children left this morning for Muscatine, Ill., where they will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ambrosio Armijo and family left yesterday for the Chilli neighborhood, where they will go into camp and remain for several weeks.

J. H. Bearup, president of the Albuquerque wool scouring mills, returned this morning from a short business trip south, in the interest of the mills.

Mrs. Mabel Hinnoc-Stevens, one of Albuquerque's popular music teachers, left this morning for Chicago, where she will spend several weeks visiting friends.

D. C. Hobart, of Silver City, arrived this morning on legal business. He is confident that the republicans will make a clean sweep in Grant county next fall.

The W. C. Leonard building on North First street is nearing completion. The electric and water fixtures are being installed. Pelletier Bros. are doing the plumbing.

The regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Grout on

South Third street Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Two lively sea lions, with good vocal powers and strong lungs, passed through the city this morning en route from Santa Barbara, Cal., consigned to parties in New York.

Governor M. A. Otero, Land Commissioner A. A. Keen and Coal Oil Inspector J. S. Clark left this morning for the north, the first two for Santa Fe and the latter for Las Vegas.

Regular communication of Temple lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., this evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren are cordially invited. By order of the worshipful master, Robert Abrams, secretary.

Miss Pearl De Shon, who has been spending the summer visiting with Mrs. A. D. Whitson, will return to her home at Gallup this evening. Miss De Shon has been studying music while in the city.

President O'Reilly and several members of the executive committee of the New Mexico Territorial fair association were out yesterday rounding up a few who were not seen when the committee was out a few weeks ago. Those seen yesterday gladly placed their names to the roll of honor.

"Although yesterday was pay day," said a merchant this morning, "the payment of monthly bills were practically overlooked by a large number of citizens last night and again there was very little business. It is to be hoped that pay checks will be more plentifully circulated in the stores tonight."

It is understood that since the appointment of George C. Bowman to the office of deputy internal revenue collector for the New Mexico district, vice A. J. Loomis, transferred to Arizona, that Don J. Rankin will be appointed to Mr. Bowman's old position, that of United States gauger for New Mexico.

Assistant United States Attorney E. L. Medler and wife were west bound passengers last night. They will visit the beauties of the Grand Canyon for a few days. Mrs. Medler will go to Ocean Park, Cal., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kent, are stopping, and Mr. Medler will return to this city.

Six hundred miles of new railroad track was built in Texas during the past six months.

H. Isaacs, traveling baggage agent of the Santa Fe Pacific, departed for the west last night.

The Santa Fe continues to cut down expenses. Seven machinists were discharged from the local shops yesterday.

All the new trains on the Central London railway are to be of fireproof construction, steel and asbestos being largely used.

After attending a meeting of railway line stock agents at Denver, H. S. Van Slyke, the Santa Fe line stock agent down this way, came in from the north last night and continued south to El Paso.

Ben. Johnson, superintendent of machinery of the Mexican Central, will meet his wife and children here, they arriving tonight from Topeka, Kan., and from here the party will continue on to the City of Mexico.

Claude Schrott is the new special machinist apprentice, who went to work in the local shops yesterday. He comes from the mechanical engineering department of the Cornell university and expects to spend the remainder of the summer here.

The management of the Rock Island has definitely decided to move the headquarters of the passenger department from Topeka to Kansas City. The traffic department will also be moved to Kansas City as soon as suitable quarters can be secured. The move will be made not later than August 1.

The Santa Fe correspondent of the Denver papers and also of the El Paso Herald, is sending out some very queer and unreliable railroad news. It was thought that these telegraphic untruths would stop as soon as the change in the Santa Fe postmaster was made, but they still continue to the detriment of other sections of the territory.

The contract for the building of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroad from Versailles to the northern limits of Warrensburg, Mo., was let to a Minneapolis firm. Work will begin as soon as the right of way deeds are taken up by the governor. It is stated that the Colorado road will be completed from St. Louis to Kansas City by July 1903.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company is credited with a plan to secure control of the Ocean Steamship company, which conducts a line of steamships from San Francisco to the Hawaiian islands, Tahiti and Australian ports. The company is now under control of John D. Spreckels and his associates. The steamship company has a capital stock of \$2,500,000 and is bonded for about the same amount.

A. C. Turner returned to Santa Fe from Kennedy, where he has been in the employ of the Santa Fe Central Railway company. He will go to California for the next few months and will return to Santa Fe in winter. He reports that grading camps Nos. 1 and 2 of the Santa Fe Central are six and eight miles respectively north of Kennedy, while camp No. 3 is sixteen miles south of Kennedy. The company store at Kennedy is doing a thriving business.

The Deming Herald says: Asked if there was anything new in relation to the Bishop railroad passenger and freight depot matter in this city, Agent De Barry, of that road, said: "No, except that the plans have been drawn and accepted." "Then there is no doubt that the depot will be built promptly?" "None whatever. We are now busy building a depot, a series of coal chutes and laying out a big yard at Hatchita, and when this work is finished I think the Deming depot matter will be taken up."

Special Meeting.

The Commercial club will hold a special meeting tomorrow (Friday) night to consider the smelter proposition submitted a few days ago by Lyman N. Cook. All members of the club are urged to attend the meeting.

President W. G. Tight, of the New Mexico University, was a passenger for Santa Fe this morning. He will return to the city tonight.

A DESPERATE CRIMINAL.

Fred Rice, Native of Illinois, Will be Hanged.

HIS CRIMINAL CAREER.

Toronto, Ont., July 17.—The cabinet having declined to interfere, Fred Lee Rice, one of the most desperate criminals with which the Canadian authorities have had to deal in many years, will pay the penalty of his misdeeds on the gallows tomorrow. The condemned criminal is an Illinois man, a former resident of Champaign and a student of the University of Illinois.

The crime for which he is to be executed was the outgrowth of a long and heinous offense, the robbery of a bank, for which Rice and three confederates had received sentences of twenty-one years' imprisonment. Rice and his companions formed a gang of the most notorious and daring porch-climbers on the continent. Their field of operations was co-extensive with the continent. Wherever there was opportunity for plunder they went. They did not confine their operations to porch-climbing. Highway robbery, burglary and forgery were among their accomplishments, and for many years they baffled the efforts of the police to effect their capture. Originally, the gang was composed of Rice, Frank Rutledge, a Canadian, and Frank Stewart.

All were desperate characters, shrewd in their methods, skilled in the arts of the confidence man and utterly without fear. They made their headquarters in Chicago, but conducted their operations principally in other cities, returning to Chicago to dispose of and divide their plunder at stated intervals.

Rice was reared on a farm in the vicinity of Champaign and when he entered the college of literature and arts of the University of Illinois in 1888 he was a quiet, retired, country boy, whose refined manners and handsome face made him popular among the co-eds. Like many country boys, freedom from parental restraint, which he enjoyed at the university for the first time, had a serious effect on his morals, and in his second year he was known as one of the wildest men in the university. His evident large-heartedness and kindly disposition made him friends among both faculty and students and it was a long time before formal notice was taken of his action by the board of administration. Finally, however, it was found necessary to expel him.

Soon after he left the university he became associated with the gang of which he is now the only survivor. He was the cleverest of the lot and in most cases the leader in criminal exploits. He was called the "poet" of the gang, the "poet" of the nefarious aggregation. He looked like a clergyman and had a gift of eloquence that astonished many a preacher. It was characteristic of him that he was the only one of the gang that ever attempted diplomacy. Cornered he never offered to kill, but preferring soft words secured for himself the best of treatment in an extremity.

Frank Stewart, well known as a Chicago thief, was the first of the gang to die. He was killed in an attempt to escape after a Chicago hold-up. Jones was the next to pay the price. Rutledge committed suicide by dashing himself from the gallery of the Toronto jail to the stone-paved court thirty feet below. The crime for which the gang was arrested and convicted was the robbery of a bank at Aurora, Ont., from which they secured about \$50,000. On information received from the Toronto police the entire gang went to Chicago. Extradition proceedings were stubbornly fought in the courts, but the culprits eventually were brought to Canada, where, after trial, they were sentenced to twenty-one years' imprisonment. After their preliminary hearing they were committed for trial. While being taken back to jail in a carriage in charge of Constables Stewart and Boyd a well-dressed man sprang from the sidewalk near the jail and ran alongside the carriage, he gained the open window and tossed in a soft felt hat. This fell in the lap of Rutledge. Jones grabbed it and shook out three loaded revolvers. He grabbed one and Harris and Rutledge took the other two. All three were handcuffed together, but this did not prevent quick action on their part. Jones shot Constable Boyd dead. Constable Stewart was fired on a dozen times, but not hit. The prisoners got out of the carriage, gained the street and jumped aboard a passing trolley car. Jones thrust his revolver at the head of the motorman and ordered him to send the car ahead fast. The motorman refused, shut off the current, detached his controller and beat Jones on the head with it. Constable Stewart by this time had gained the rear end of the car, and he shot Jones through the arm. Other officers arrived on the scene and the three men were taken to the jail and held there.

After the shooting, Jones was taken to the hospital and his arm amputated. He died from the shock and loss of blood and without an expressed regret for his career. Rice and Rutledge were returned to jail, and shortly afterward, while exercising in the gallery, Rutledge took the leap over the railing which ended his life almost instantaneously. Rice was then tried for his part in the killing of Constable Boyd. His family and friends came to his rescue with funds for his defense, but despite all efforts on the part of his counsel he was found guilty after a short trial and given the extreme penalty. Every means known to the law has been exhausted in his behalf without avail and tomorrow morning, at an hour not yet made public, he will mount the scaffold.

W. C. T. U. CONTEST.

Six Young Ladies Entered—Meeting at the Lead Avenue Methodist Church.

The oratorical contest mentioned in these columns last week is to be held in the Lead Avenue Methodist church instead of the Congregational, as the latter is undergoing repairs. Each of the contestants, six young ladies, hope to win the medal, and an exciting spirit of rivalry is already manifested by their friends. An excellent musical program has also been prepared and music lovers are promised a treat. A most unique feature of entertainment has been planned to insure an interest-

ing evening to all. Messrs. Hall & Leonard have kindly promised to provide a piano to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union free of charge for the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend. Remember the time and place. At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening July 22, in the Lead Avenue Methodist church. Admission free.

SAN JUAN COUNTY.

Farmington.

From the Hustler.

Gus Bero is suffering from a severe wrench sustained several days ago from a box overturning with him.

The Mormons at Fruitland are making preparations for a grand celebration on July 24, that being the anniversary of the first arrival of the Mormons in Salt Lake valley. Quite a number of Farmingtonites will go.

It is probably due to the hot weather and the reluctance to use any undue exertion, that our county prisoners are not escaping as rapidly as they were when a spring term of court was threatened. In the meantime prisoners' board bills and jailor's fees go merrily on.

A. P. Camp, president of the First National bank of Durango, accompanied by J. R. Lazear, of Denver, national bank examiner, were visitors the other day. Mr. Lazear found the First National bank of Farmington in excellent condition.

An amicable adjustment of the school district trouble at Cedar Hill is about to be made by County Superintendent McEwen, who, in honor of a petition signed by all voters in the district, has ordered a division of districts Nos. 10 and 12 and the creation of a new district for the upper Cedar Hill people, to be known as district No. 25. This means good schools and a cessation of warfare among the residents, giving each settlement a school, where as it now stands some children are five or six miles distant.

From the Times.

W. T. Dufer left with 4,500 pounds of baled alfalfa for John Wetherill at Ojo Alamo.

Ed Milligan was thrown from a vicious horse and badly bruised. After throwing him the horse pawed nearly all the clothes off him.

George H. Brown left for an extended business trip in the interest of the Hyde company. He will visit Denver, Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis while away.

C. M. Elliott, mail carrier, has purchased the Love ranch for the consideration of \$2,750. This ranch is the first one in New Mexico coming down the Animas road from Durango.

J. E. Manzanarez was in from the La Plata. He says that some of the ranchers on the lower mesa had a fair crop of alfalfa, but those on the upper mesa did not have much, owing to the absence of water with which to irrigate.

The Blake oil well struck a strata of oil sand, and they have been boring in it ever since. Each bailing now brings up considerable oil and a quart of it is now on exhibition in town. They are making good headway and are quite confident.

A short time ago A. M. Amsden, the cashier of the First National bank, received an inquiry from a banker's trade journal as to the prospects of this country. His reply was published by the journal and the result is that he is now receiving inquiries from parties in the states who have read the article.

Astec.

From the Index.

The Baptists of the vicinity announce a social to be given Tuesday evening, July 29.

The elective officers of Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, chosen and installed at the meeting held Tuesday night, are as follows, the appointive officers yet to be named: Past grand, Mrs. A. C. Brown; noble grand, Miss Stella Stogsdill; vice grand, Miss M. G. Warner; secretary, Miss Peabody; financial secretary, Mrs. J. E. Bell; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Danting.

D. K. B. Sellers and wife, of Farmington, were here Saturday last en route to Chicago and other eastern cities, where they expect to remain two or three weeks.

The county commissioners at their meeting acted wisely and well in making a levy of 2 mills for court house purposes, as authorized by the statute. The amount raised will not be large nor burdensome, but it will answer a useful purpose, and a court house, properly furnished and equipped, is something San Juan county needs as bad as any county on earth.

W. A. Hunter, of Farmington, representing eastern fruit buyers, was here Tuesday and proceeded on up the river to look over the orchards there. He grows enthusiastic over the present outlook, saying it is the best San Juan county has ever known. The fruit, he says, is apparently entirely free from insects, and the apple crop especially gives promise of being a record breaker for this region.

Ed Smith, who has been in charge of the Astec saloon during the absence of the proprietor, left Tuesday. Mr. Smith also left the saloon. What he left besides no man knows. At this day, for the key to the establishment was one of the things he left not and access to the premises is impossible to the dear public. He is presumed to be in the city of Durango, that abode of the pure and purified.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 25 cents.

The Topeka State Journal says: William Wood, who presides over a machine in the tool room, has returned from a two weeks' junkie in California. On the return trip Wood had a number of interesting experiences: At Albuquerque, N. M., there was a Chinaman who had lately arrived in a box car, afflicted with leprosy, and the terrible disease had claimed already one foot and a hand; at Raton, A. C. Whitford, the conductor of the train, was struck and killed by a bridge. Wood was in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego most of the time.

The San Bernardino papers are asking that small hospital be established there for the Santa Fe employees. The one nearest that city is at Los Angeles, and it is claimed